

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A board for gliding for downhill skiing, said board ~~having an underfoot zone, said underfoot zone comprising:~~

a lower gliding surface comprising a sole plate bordered by metal edges;

a topsheet substantially parallel to the lower gliding surface, on either side of the center longitudinal plane of the board;

~~said topsheet comprising an underfoot zone, said underfoot zone being located in the central longitudinal plane of the board to allow said underfoot zone to receive a binding and said underfoot zone being configured to receive the binding;~~

~~lateral faces extending between the metal edges and the topsheet, said lateral faces having recesses located below the plane of the topsheet, and opening out in said recesses being open toward the plane of the topsheet and toward the lateral faces, said recesses located in said underfoot zone;~~

wherein the base of the recesses forms a slope that is inclined longitudinally relative to the lower gliding surface and the topsheet.

2. **(Withdrawn)** The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base of the recesses is inclined toward the front and the bottom of the board.

3. **(Original)** The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base of the recesses is inclined toward the rear and the bottom of the board.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base of the recesses has a slope that is substantially constant over the greater part of a length of the gliding board.

5. **(Cancel)**

6. **(Withdrawn)** The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, wherein, to the front and to the rear of the recess, the lateral faces comprise lateral zones which include different materials.

7. (*Withdrawn*) The board for gliding as claimed in claim 6, wherein one of the materials present in one of the lateral zones is of a viscoelastic nature, so as to confer damping properties on said lateral zone.

8-12. (*Cancel*)

13. (*Withdrawn*) The board for gliding as claimed in claim 7, wherein the lateral zone having damping properties is located to the front of the recess, the lateral zone having dynamizing properties being located to the rear of the recess.

14. (*Withdrawn*) The board for gliding as claimed in claim 7, wherein the lateral zone having damping properties is located to the rear of the recess, the lateral zone having dynamizing properties being located to the front of the recess.

15. (*Original*) The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recesses have a width, measured in the transverse direction of the board, which can vary over the length of the recess.

16. (*Withdrawn*) The board for gliding as claimed in claim 1, which is equipped with a raising platform for the binding, including lateral portions of which the lower edge comes into contact with the base of the recess.

17-19. (*Cancel*)

20. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said base of said recesses comprises a plurality of lower parts, said plurality of lower parts comprising a first lower part inclined toward a front of said lower gliding surface and said top sheet and a second lower part inclined toward a rear of said lower gliding surface and said topsheet, and wherein said first part is inclined toward said front of said lower gliding surface and said topsheet at an angle different than said second part is inclined toward said rear of said lower gliding surface and said topsheet.

21. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said base of said recesses comprises a central portion wherein said central portion is inclined longitudinally relative to the lower gliding surface and the topsheet.

22. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said base of said recesses comprises a lowermost point and wherein said lowermost point forms a limit between a first portion inclined toward a front of the lower gliding surface and the top sheet and a second portion inclined toward a rear of the lower gliding surface and the topsheet.
23. (*New*) The board of claim 22 wherein said lowermost point is longitudinally located along said recess at a distance further from the front end of the recess than from a rear end of said recess.
24. (*New*) The board of claim 23 wherein said lowermost point is longitudinally located along said recess at a distance further from the rear end of the recess than from a front end of said recess.
25. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said recesses comprise a plurality of lower surfaces and wherein said base is one of said surfaces, and wherein said base is separated from said topsheet by another surface of said surfaces.
26. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said recesses are bounded on three sides.
27. (*New*) The board of claim 21 wherein said central portion is separated from said topsheet by inclined longitudinal portions.
28. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said recesses are longitudinally limited.
29. (*New*) The board of claim 1 wherein said recesses are bounded by front and rear surfaces, said front and rear surfaces being located in said underfoot zone.